

CLAIMS

1. A demountable safety guard adapted for prevention of accidental urged dislodgment of an article or liquid
5 over an edge of a fixed horizontal surface; said edge not otherwise precluding the dislodgement of said article.
2. The safety guard of claim 1 wherein said surface includes a bench top, a cooktop and a table top.
- 10 3. The safety guard of claim 2 wherein said guard comprises a substantially vertical elongate rectangular member having an outwardly facing surface and an inwardly facing surface bounded by edges, extending along at least a portion of an edge of said
15 surface.
4. The safety guard of claim 3 wherein said edge is any edge of said surface from which said article can fall when urged to within sufficiently close proximity of said edge.
- 20 5. The safety guard of any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein said guard is adapted to be inserted into a slot in said surface.
6. The safety guard of claim 5 wherein said slot is provided with a cover strip; said strip adapted to

prevent the ingress of dirt and other matter into said slot.

7. The safety guard of any of claims 1 to 4 wherein said guard is adapted to be inserted into a guard retaining means attached to said surface.
8. The safety guard of claim 7 wherein said retaining means is in the form of an extruded channel, said channel adapted to be attached to said surface.
9. The safety guard of claim 8 wherein said extruded channel is attached to said surface by attachment means including
 - a. an applied adhesive
 - b. a double sided adhesive tape
 - c. magnetic means
 - d. suction means
 - e. mechanical means including screws and rivets and the like.
10. The safety guard of claim 4 wherein said guard is attached to said surface by means of hinged elements.
11. The safety guard of any of claims 1 to 10 wherein said guard and said guard retaining means are formed of metallic materials.

12. The safety guard of claim of any of claims 1 to 10 wherein said guard and said guard retaining means are formed of non-metallic materials.
13. The safety guard of any of claims 1 to 10 wherein said guard and said guard retaining means are formed of a combination of metallic and non-metallic materials.
14. A method for the prevention of the accidental urged dislodgement of an article or liquid over an edge of a fixed horizontal surface, said method including the provision of a guard member disposed along at least a portion of said edge of said surface, said guard member extending a sufficient height above said surface thereby defining a barrier to dislodgement of said article or liquid.
15. A method of providing a safety guard member for the edge of a fixed horizontal surface wherein said guard member is inserted into a slot disposed along said edge of said surface.
16. A method of providing a safety guard member for the edge of a fixed horizontal surface wherein said guard member is retained in an extruded channel fixed along an edge of said surface.
17. A method of providing a safety guard member for the edge of a fixed horizontal surface wherein said guard

member is attached along an edge of said surface by hinge elements.

18. A safety guard substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

5 19. A guard system for preventing accidental urged dislodgement of an article over a leading edge of a fixed horizontal surface; said guard arrangement comprising a rail adapted for alignment with reference to said edge and for affixing to said surface thereby
10 to present a substantially vertically oriented slot for slidable engagement of a guard member therein; said guard member of substantially rectangular cross section in both longitudinal and lateral directions; said guard member adapted for substantially vertical
15 engagement and disengagement with respect to said slot in said rail; said guard member substantially opaque throughout.

20. The guard member of Claim 19 wherein the height of said guard member is selected so that said guard
20 member acts as a visual barrier, when installed on said surface, to visualisation of objects on the far side of said guard member when viewed by a child but not by an adult.

21. A method of minimising accidental urged dislodgement of an article from a surface relative to an edge thereof; said method comprising providing the guard member of any one of Claims 19 or 20 as a kit of two component parts.
22. The method of Claim 21 wherein said two component parts comprise a rail having a slot therein and a substantially opaque guard member for vertical reception in said slot.
23. A guard device comprised of two and only two components.
24. The guard device of Claim 23 wherein said two components comprise a guard member and a rail having a slot therein for vertical reception of said guard member therein.